FISH A CUTE

& Lusty Denizen of Southern English Waters.

How the Fish Got Its Peculiar Name-It Very Voracious and Not at All Particular as to Its Food.

In several of the shallow and slowflowing streams of the south of England-notably the upper waters of the Lea, the Ver, and the Mimram, all Hertfordshire streams-the "tailer" is well known to the exasperated dryfly fisherman. "And what on earth is the 'tailer'?" the angler not acquainted with these and other similar waters may inquire without shame.

The "tailer," says the Pall Mall Budget, may be best described as a rather gross feeder, destitute of the artistic Instinct and the culture which the dryfly fisherman associates with the trout that can only be taken by an exact imitation of natural fly. It is head is plunged into the weeds in pursuit of freshwater shrimp, its tail breaks the surface of the stream and waves in the air. At the commencevery observable in several famous rivers. At this season of the year the larger fish are, as a rule, in indifferent and common sense with her feetor in absolutely bad condition; they are exceedingly hungry after the exhaustion of spawning operations, and are consequently not in the humor to waste time on an occasional small tizing, and in many streams exceedingly plentiful. It is not surprising, of tront, which the pangs of hunger in | is an everyday sight." the early spring assail almost unceas-Ingly. In early June the big trout will eschew water-shrimp for May-fly. and later on in the season, when they are in fine condition, will feed with befitting daintiness.

It is not much use, as a rule, fishing up stream with a "dry" over a "tailer." The fish is so engrossed in its pig-like operations among the weeds that it treats with contempt a solitary little dun endeavoring to tickle its nose. gandy alder, fished down stream within a few inches of the fish, and worked like a salmon fly. At such a lure a the angler right into his throat. The places would show." writer had the pleasure of landing a stream on an early spring evening. A much heavier trout, "tailing" under the bank in an awkward place, was ly than ever before. - Boston Herald. »fterwards assailed, and pricked several times, but in vain.

A "tailer" is often difficult to scare, and even when actually risen and more than once come near making a pricked will recommence feeding in a martyr of the person whom the rules few minutes, oblivious of danger. The prevented from aiding off-hand. In position of the fish, its head buried in the weeds and its tail waving like a flag in the air, naturally renders it III. met his death in direct coase easy to approach and difficult to alarm on such occasions. Moreover, a "tailer" seems to riot in its rather nasty meal. The water-shrimp glut takes possession of the hig fish as completely as the arch was being suffocated with heat. May-fly glut.

big alder, fished in the manner de- officers-in-waiting were not within call, scribed, to be is very uncertain. Some | and the domestics could not presume few people assert that fish take a fly | to enter the apartment, because it was | nance rates, under such conditions not from mo- against the etiquette. At last Martives of hunger so much as of anger | quis de Pobat appeared, and the king anglers and naturalists laugh at such fantastic theories. No doubt the trout takes the alder as the salmon takes the silver doctor-because it looks good to eat. But what particular food it is mistaken for remains a mystery.

HE GOT THE QUARTER.

A Ride That Proved Quite Expensive for the Driver of the Stage.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, a well-known scientist of the Quaker city, told a Philadelphia Record man an amusing story of a scene witnessed in New York the other day while riding in a Fifth avenue stage. "A lady gave the driver a coln," said Mr. Dixon, "and received change for twenty-five cents. She informed the driver that she had given him fifty cents, but the jehu wouldn't have it that way, and the woman had simply to lose twenty-five cents. A moment or two later, however, a well-dressed, highly respectable looking male passenger, with a rather pallid face and a physique by no means. athletic looking, tendered the lady a quarter and said he had seen the whole transaction and knew she was being swindled. 'I'll get it back,' said he; 'you take it.' After some persuasion the woman was induced to take the money, and shortly afterward she and all the other passengers except myself and the man who had produced the eash left the bus. When we arrived at the end of the line the stranger walked up to the driver, and, in courtcous, but firm tones, said: 'I saw that lady gave you a half dollar. I give her the quarter and I want you to give it ; to me.

"A volley of oaths was the only anthe passenger and the driver went Will sed at a great sacrifice on account down. He got up with another shower of ill bealth. Address MRS. M. H. ELLIS. of profaulty and made for his assailant, but promptly went down again, New Ponca. the blow this time landing full on the jaw. When the driver got up the second time he gave up the quarter. But the passenger wasn't through yet. Twe split my gloves on your face," he he said, and I want two dollars and fifty cents to buy a new pair.' Refusal brought another punch, and again the driver measured his length. He didn't want any more, but gracefully handed his puncher the demanded two dollars and fifty cents. I ascertained afterwards that the gullant passenger was Billy Edwards, the ex-prize fighter, and the other drivers are, I understand, still chaffing their associate on his encounter and its results."

OUR UNRULY MEMBERS.

"Foot Manners" Are an Oft-Neglected Branch of Etiquette.

"Where do you keep your feet when you are not using them?" was the ques-tion basely sprung by the physical culturist on her reading club as they all looked up amiably at her entrance. "No"-at a sudden scrambling noise under the library table, "it's too late, for I have a kodak picture to show you. I took it some weeks ano when you | 127 East Douglas, - - -

all had your noses deep in books and your feet everywhere, and no one noticed me.

"The serpent in our paradise," sighed a member. "When women vote I hope they'll punish the kodak maniaes for carrying concealed weapons.

"You may well sigh," caustically commented the physical culturist, "for your feet are the worst disposed of in the lot. Now look here; to two sets of though not elegant), there are three on the rungs of their owners' chairs, two in the position which indicates the crossing of legs, one sprawling pigeonfashion and another-well, only one foot's in evidence, so possibly the other-

"I sat on it," announced their repress

ible member, with a giggle. "Sat on it!" repeated the physical culturist in distain. "That only bears out what I say, that women are learning how to use their feet in dancing, walking and exercise of all kinds, yet don't know what to do with exact imitation of natural fly. It is salled a "taller" because, when its waiter who became a misanthrope from observing, behind the chairs, the ridiculous and undignified attitudes into which the genus homo twists its feet, and I don't wonder. You need to ment of the fishing season the "tail-ing" trout is usually very busy, and try to reform your foot manners. There's not a woman in ten who doesn't defy every principle of elegance, grace

"It's so comfortable!" pleaded the

maiden who sat on hers. "Not in the long run. Do you suppose your feet alone are out of the jurisdiction of gravity? Crossed legs, inolive dun, or some other insignificant | deed! Who ever heard of such a thing | Phone 265. fly. Water-shrimp is fat and appe- in the days when people studied decorum? Now, even in the presence of men, what one of them has written of therefore, that it forms the staple dish as 'the indiscretion of a tip-tilted foot'

"Will you tell us, please," asken somebody, meekly, "what resting place the gods of physical culture permits us for the soles of our feet?"

The ground, to be sure-and well within the protecting shadow of your skirt, too. The old social maxim that 'A lady never shows her feet' holds good as ever. That's why crossed feet are inelegant, though by no means so bad as crossed legs. The posture weakens the ankles besides. As for placing The best lure for a "tailer" is a big and | them on rungs of chairs, that is heathenish. It all proceeds, I know, from the feeling that among one's own sex physical deshabille is allowable, but "tailer" will come sometimes with a the habit grows dangerously, as a look fierce dash, that brings the heart of at the feet scattered around in public

"She talks as if they were boots or five-pound trout, hooked by a friend overshoes." giggled the irrepressible in this manner in a Hertfordshire member as they settled down to business, each with a determination to notice feet, her own included, more close-

Excess of Etiquette Killed Him. The rigid etiquette of courts has Spain these notions of etiquette were carried to such an extent that Philip quence of them. The king was one day gravely scated by a chimney where the firemaker of the court had kindled so great a quantity of wood that the mon-His grandeur would not suffer him to What creature the "tailer" takes the rise from the chair to call for help; the ordered him to damp the fire; but he excused himself, alleging that he was forbidden by the etiquette to perform such a function, for which Duke d'Asseda ought to be called upon as it was his business. The duke was gone out, the fire burned fiercer, and the king endured it rather than derogate from his dignity; but his blood was heated to such a degree that erysipelas broke out in his head the next day, which, being sacceeded by a violent fever, carried him off.

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